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1. SENATE VOTE TO LIFT EMBARGO IS MAJOR STORY IN ALL
GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS JULY 27. PAPERS TAKE THEIR
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HEADLINES FROM YESTERDAY'S GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN'S
STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS FEEL "DISCONTENT
AND BITTERNESS" AND THAT TURKISH "INTRANSIGENCE" WILL
BE INCREASED AS RESULT OF SENATE VOTE. EDITORIALY,
ALL PAPERS ACROSS ENTIRE POLITICAL SPECTRUM CONDEMN
VOTE AND CALL IT AN ACT OF BETRAYAL. NOTE OF
FATALISM APPEARS IN SOME RIGHTWING PAPERS WHICH,

WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT EMBARGO WOULD INEVITABLY BE
REMOVED, NEVERTHELESS EXPRESS BITTERNESS AT U.S.
INFIDELITY.

2. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS GIVES TOPE PROMINENCE TO ECEVIT'S
REACTION TO SENATE VOTE, HIGHLIGHTING PORTION OF HIS
STATEMENT THAT A POSITIVE ELEMENT OF BYRD AMENDMENT
IS THAT GREECE NOW HAS DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY
TO WORK FOR CYPRUS SOLUTION. PAPERS ALSO REPORT LOCAL
REACTION: "PRESIDENT" DENKTASH DECLINED COMMENT UNTIL
HE HAD STUDIED THE AMENDMENT; "PRIMIN" OREK STATED
LIFTING OF EMBARGO IS RESULT OF POSITIVE MOVES MADE BY
U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND IS A HOPEFUL MOVE, BUTCTE
COULD NOT REACH A DEFINITE CONCLUSION BECAUSE HE DID
NOT KNOW THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DECISION; COMMUNAL LIBERATION
PARTY CHAIRMAN DURDURAN SAID HE BELIEVED THE DECISION
WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM; POPULIST PARTY CHAIRMAN ORHON DEPICTED
THE DECISION AS A STEP TOWARD PEACE IN
THE MEDITERRANEAN.
REPUBLICAN TURKISH PARTY CHAIRMAN OZGUR REACTED NEGATIVELY,
STATINGHE WAS NOT PLEASED BY DECISION, AND COULD NOT
APPROVE ONE COUNTRY'S PLACING OR LIFTING AN EMBARGO ON

ANOTHER COUNTRY'S DEFENSE EFFORTS. TURKISH LANGUAGE

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PAPERS ALSO REPORT STATEMENT BY MAINLAND LEADERS
DEMIREL AND FEYZIOGLU, AND FROM THE NATIONAL SALVATION
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